

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 8, 2007

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105

"Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors"

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Tom Flynn, Vice Chair John Stilin, Eva Moon, Roy Leban, Kay Tarapolsi, Kamal Siegel and Jill Krusinski

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Latha Sambamurti

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Churchill, Recreation Program Manager; Mary Yelanjian, Arts Administrator; Meagan Farrell, Recording Secretary

YOUTH ADVOCATES PRESENT: Deanne Tockey, Praveen Venkataramana

GUESTS PRESENT: Mohan Venkataramana, resident and father of youth advocate

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Flynn called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:02 p.m. at Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center, Room 105.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of February 8, 2007 carried without objection.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- Reduce time allotted to VII by 10 minutes.

Motion for approval of the revised RAC agenda of March 8, 2007 carried without objection.

IV. CHAIR REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Flynn

Chair Flynn stated that he is excited to lead RAC this year and is looking forward to seeing the plan through. He reminded RAC that committees still need to make recommendations to the full commission rather than making final decisions in committee meetings. He reminded everyone to continue to think and act strategically.

B. Vice Chair Report - Stilin

Vice Chair Stilin met with Charlie Rathbun of 4 Culture. Rathbun is excited about the digital event and is excited about having Yelanjian on staff. Stilin also reported that art will not be hung in City Hall across from the council chambers.

V. INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH ADVOCATES

Two youth advocates were introduced. Deanne Tockey is a student at Redmond High School. She plays piano with her church choir. She is also a tutor, a member of honor society and a member of Key Club. Praveen Venkataramana is a home school student. He currently takes college courses in physics, chemistry and biology. He plays the cello and sings classical Indian music.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mohan Venkataramana, resident and father of youth advocate, was present to observe.

VII. ARTS VOLUNTEER AWARD SELECTION - Flynn

There are currently two nominees: Pat Pattabhiraman and Jan Sherwood. There are a total of three awards so the nomination period will be extended for two more weeks in order to give more time to additional nominations. The awards will be presented at City Hall on June 19. ***Any additional nominees should be given to Yelanjian.***

Motion to move art award deadline to next month to allow for more nominations: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by: Commissioner Moon

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

VIII. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS – Moon

A. Arts Registry

A form to register for the arts registry is now on the website. Vice Chair Stilin and Commissioner Moon will be meeting with Dorie Lysaght to determine how this process will be managed. They would like to compose a survey for registrants to find out their ideas, thoughts, concerns and opinions about art in Redmond. This information will be utilized at the art summit in forming topics for discussion. Volunteers are needed to help draft and conduct the survey. ***Churchill will email a contact at Clemson University to obtain a sample survey to use as guidance.*** If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the registry, they should be directed to RAC@redmond.gov. Yelanjian checks that inbox regularly.

Motion to move ahead with registry: Commissioner Krusinski.

Second by: Commissioner Siegel

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

B. Public Forums

This will be a chance for community members to interact with RAC and share ideas in an informal setting. The committee would like to have these take place periodically throughout the year. They are not mandatory for RAC. The mayor will be asked to host the kick off forum. This will be promoted in the Redmond Reporter.

Motion to have at least one breakfast public forum and see how it goes and, if possible, have it coincide with the mayor's breakfast:

Commissioner Leban.

Second by: Vice Chair Stilin

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

IX. STRATEGIC PLANS AND OBJECTIVES PRELIMINARY REVIEW - Flynn

Chair Flynn asked for an update from each committee on where they stand on this project.

A. Infrastructure - Moon

Goals and objectives are listed in the document distributed to RAC.

Committee feels like they have theirs done to their satisfaction. Moon asked that RAC review that document.

B. Programming - Moon

The goals are done. There are 10 programs – 8 existing and 2 new. All strategies and objectives attached to them. They will meet on March 21 to get this process done. Commissioners Siegel and Leban created an artistic diagram to show the committee's three goals and associated programs.

C. Administrative Committee - Stilin

A meeting to get this done is scheduled for March 19th.

INTERMISSION

Siegel and Stilin performed a duet. Krusinski is scheduled to perform at the April meeting.

X. STAFF REPORT – Stilin

A. Donation of Public Art

The artist who created the piece “scooter” asked if RAC would like to keep it. It is a donation without restriction. It would be kept where it is at Meadow Park on Education Hill and would need a new marker. ***Yelanjian will send the artist a thank you from RAC. It was recommended that a note card be made using a photo of the piece. Churchill recommended that this artist be invited to the open forum breakfast with the mayor.***

Motion to accept piece: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by: Chair Flynn

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

B. Changes to Staff Report

The following changes were made to the staff report after it was sent out to RAC:

- i. There will be another Digital Arts Festival Meeting on 3/15 at 6:30. RAC is welcome to attend.
- ii. A review of the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition pieces is scheduled for April 3 at 6:30. RAC is invited to attend and offer input.
- iii. The deadline for % for art and ROS is March 16. RAC is asked to refer any artists they know.
- iv. Contracts are underway for Arts In Parks. Staff is attempting to move all concerts to City Hall.
- v. There is one commissioner application so far.

XI. PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE - Moon

RAC is asked to review the meeting notes and direct any questions to Commissioner Moon.

A. Marketing

\$15,000 was requested from the tourism grant to make a brochure advertising all events in Redmond. This will hopefully be approved at the March 20 Meeting. All events are also submitted to the Times and PI Calendars but they are not always included. Since events were moved to the weekend, they will also be linked to the Experience Redmond website. Commissioner Tarapolsi saw the RAC ad in the Chamber brochure. She thanked the staff for making that happen.

B. Digital Media Program Update - Siegel

A large number of attendees turned out for the meeting. The group came up with a great vision for the event. A second meeting is scheduled for March 15. Krusinski shared information from a similar event that takes place in San Jose, CA. There was discussion about trying to get a sponsorship or big name to associate with this event. Staff is looking into applying for funds from Special Projects for 4Culture. Tarapolsi suggested that staff bring a copy of the application for the grant to the next meeting.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Stilin

No additional report.

XIII. INFASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Moon

No additional report.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. RAC representation - Tarapolsi

Tarapolsi suggested that RAC needs to be have regular attendees at meetings held by the following arts groups: Eastside Arts Coalition, Culture Congress, Arts Education Week and Arts Ed Washington. ***Yelanjian will put together a calendar of these meetings and distribute to RAC. RAC is encouraged to volunteer to attend meetings.***

B. Annual Report -Leban

The annual report needs to be presented to the city council. Yelanjian also needs to be introduced to council. Both can happen on the same night. Churchill stated that the council's agenda is full for the next two meetings, so both will take place sometime after that. RAC will be invited to attend that meeting.

C. Farewell to Commissioner Tarapolsi

RAC thanks Tarapolsi for her many years of service. She has served on RAC since 2001. She curated the ROS exhibit for 3 years and advocated for more per capita from council. Additionally, she oversaw the awarding of a tens of thousands of dollars in grants. Tarapolsi was presented with a plaque as well. Tarapolsi thanked RAC for all they do for the city.

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Tarapolsi.

Second by: Commissioner Leban

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Meagan Farrell.

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

April 12, 2007

Old Redmond School House Community Center

7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: March 8, 2007

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

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